



April 22, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of St. Martha School Students:

On behalf of the entire St. Bernard School community, we would like to express our sincere remorse surrounding the devastating news that St. Martha School will be closing at the end of June. The closing of St. Martha School is a sad loss for our entire local community.

We are reaching out to reassure you that, during this time of unprecedented uncertainty across all aspects of our lives, a Catholic education where your children can continue to learn in a Christ-centered and faith-based environment is still a local option, right here in Enfield, at St. Bernard School & Little Angels Catholic Pre-School. SBS and LA offer a warm, nurturing, and welcoming community where our families grow together in faith, which is particularly important during these difficult times. SBS and LA stand ready to help keep you and your children connected to both an active Catholic school and vibrant Parish family.

Fr. Golas, myself, the Faculty and Staff of SBS and LA, and our parents and students are prepared to welcome and embrace members of the SMS community into our school family. During a time of much anxiety and stress, we are here to answer all questions you may have about our school, community, teachers, and curriculum. In addition, we have many current families willing to engage in conversations and share their personal experiences as you begin to confront this unexpected decision regarding your children's educational future. I can assure you that we do have room for you and your children in our schools, and I look forward to the opportunity to talk to you about our school community and how your family can become a part of it! If you decide to enroll your children at SBS, Enfield residents will continue to have access to busing, and your children will see familiar faces at school including Nurse Elaine, Mrs. Cartsounis, Mrs. T., and Mr. Shonty.

To learn more, you can follow us on Instagram ([stbernardschoolenfield](#)) or Facebook, and please visit our website at [sbsenfield.org](#). If you are interested, we are even able to provide you with a guest password to view up-to-date class-specific website pages, under the family login use the password SBS2020. Hopefully we can hold open houses at both SBS and LA in the near future, as I



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really do enjoy meeting prospective families face to face. However, there is no need to wait until then for us to be in touch. Please feel free to contact me at principal@sbsenfield.org or 860-745-5275.

If you consider enrolling your child at either SBS or LA, your \$50.00 application fee will be applied to your first tuition payment, and we will waive your first year's transaction fee of \$45.00 to enroll in the FACTS tuition management system. Our tuition rates for the 2020-2021 school year can be found on our website, and these rates are all-inclusive of book fees and fundraising fees. The only other out-of-pocket cost to you is the school uniform, in addition to a commitment of 25 hours of volunteer service (per family, not per student) throughout the school year. We do offer need-based financial assistance. Both the student application and financial aid application can be found on our website under the "Prospective Families" tab.

I encourage you to visit our website, ask a friend about SBS and LA, call the school, or email me. We can work together to continue your child's Catholic school experience as he/she advances through the years. Please continue to stay safe and healthy. Our school family will continue to keep you and yours in our thoughts and prayers.

God bless,

Charlene R. Mongillo, Principal

Rev. John Golas, Pastor